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### "A" LEAGUE

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Phantoms	11	1
Andy's Tavern	10	2
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R. C. A.	2	9
Hawks	2	11

FIELDS OF PLAY—High School—Country Day—Goldie—Olden

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	Won	Lost
I. O. O. F.	5	1
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Heyden Chemical Corporation	3	3
Jugtown "Y" Club	2	4
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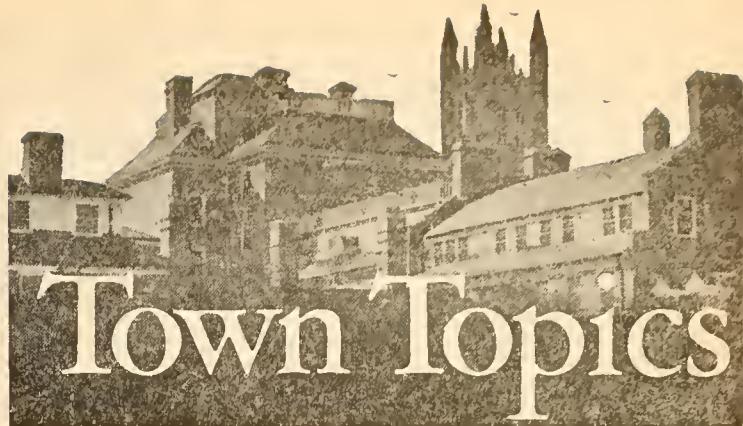
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The 150 active members of the Borough of Princeton's Fire Department who this Friday, in staging the department's annual inspection, are demonstrating to a grateful community that the ideal of unselfish community service is far from dead. Representing the professions as well as all kinds of businesses, drawn from the various parts of the municipality and including a number of the Borough's leading citizens, the three sister companies—Princeton Engine Company Number 1, Mercer Engine Company Number 3 and Princeton Hook and Ladder and Chemical Company Number 1—are perpetuating a volunteer tradition that has been an integral part of the Princeton way of life for some 160 years.

While the streamlined department of 1948, ranked as one of New Jersey's outstanding volunteer units, can hardly be compared with the company formed February 11, 1788, a list of the original company's rules indicate that seriousness of purpose among Princeton firemen has been a constant factor over the course of decades. The stringent fire-attendance rules of today pale in the light of 18th-century rulings which prescribed death as the "one excuse" for missing a fire and "solemnly ordered that those who, having been removed by death or otherwise, shall no longer be considered members of the company."

Much of Princeton's history and growth, from the gutting of Nassau Hall in 1802 to the razing of the University Gymnasium in 1944, can be told in terms of fires and fire-fighting organizations. Individually owned buckets, baskets and bags gave way to what the newspapers of the 1860's described as "good-for-nothing hose," Number 1's new steamer was exhibited Thanksgiving Day, 1903, and the entire business district was threatened by the Alhambra fire of 1909. The explosion of an illicit liquor still in 1924 permeated the Mount Lucas area with "fumes of the stuff" and undergraduates in the flamboyant 1920's did their bit at fires by singing "Red Hot Mama."

The present-day department, controlled by the Borough but administered by a board of engineers appointed by the department's own personnel, has evolved unique and completely democratic procedures. Each unit has an authorized strength of 50 men and, to insure equal representation in policy-making positions, the "chief" and the "first and second assistants" are rotated annually among the three companies. The absence of inter-company bickering, a handicap in the long ago, makes it possible for the department to cover the Township as effectively as it does the Borough.

For seeking year after year to raise already high fire-fighting standards; for devotion to concepts of duty that are—and have long been—this nation's first line of defense; for meriting the heartfelt thanks of their fellow Princetonians; these men are TOWN TOPICS' nominees for

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## Topics of the Town

**Postponement.** By a margin of 52 votes, exactly 10 percent of the total cast, the proposal to remodel the Valley Road School was defeated Wednesday night. The final result was 286 to 234; the balloting was the heaviest in Township history. The first district favored the question, 81-45. The second provided the margin of victory for its opponents, 117 voting "no" to 42 "yes," while the third also went against the proposal, 124-111. Beaten now, the same question may be asked again at the annual elections next February.

**The French Have a Word for It.** A dozen years ago, the University of Washington set the course record for 2,000 meters on Carnegie when it won the Olympic trials in 6:04.8. The Huskies then went on to triumph at Berlin. In the years that followed, other colleges realized the best way to beat the perennially strong Westerners was to hire former Washington oarsmen to coach their crews.

This week, the fleet from Seattle swept the famed Poughkeepsie regatta and moved confidently into Princeton for the Olympic trials that begin next Wednesday. Of the nine entries that seem certain, only one (Yale) wasn't equipped to fight fire with fire. But even a thorough knowledge of Washington coaching skills hardly looked to be enough—it was definitely the powerful Huskies against the field.

Probable starters in addition to the  
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Based on the premise that toys should educate and broaden while they amuse, "Youth-At-Play" has a staff of well-known educators and child psychologists who choose the monthly selections from a wide range of toys lined up by skilled buyers. The age groups covered go from crib and play-pen months to 14-year-olders. Keeping in mind always the most-for-your-money, safety and furthering-of-development angles, the staff plays, boils, chews and in general tests and analyzes through exhaustive study before it makes its choices.

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Perhaps the best way we can back our own favorable reaction is by quoting from one of the many original letters which we saw, all of them differently phrased, but similarly grateful: "In these days . . . superlative service . . . is a rare thing . . . To date all the toys received . . . have been of excellent quality, reasonably priced . . . and having the rather remarkable quality of exciting sustained interest in the youngster. This latter quality I at first laid to the method of receiving—a package, personally addressed, opened by addressee, etc. This, however, was made a doubtful conclusion by a recent experiment in which I hid the toys and put them under the Christmas tree with Santa's other offerings. Even under these circumstances, the items show the same interest-catching quality—so it must be something inherent in the psychology of the board which selects them . . . To summarize, I think your service is great in every respect."

There are more ramifications—gift plans, etc.—than TOWN TOPICS (with all its virtues, it is still short of space!) can present. It has done its job though, and we're sure you will agree, if you write "Youth-At-Play," 61 West 56th Street, New York, (or, if you lose this issue, TT's own box, 371) to get full details or to join without further ado.

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Poughkeepsie champions and the Elis will be California, Cornell, Harvard, M.I.T., Navy, Princeton and Wisconsin. The tentative schedule calls for four heats Wednesday, two or three more the following afternoon, two more in the semi-finals Friday and the climactic race in the finals Saturday. Fours, pairs and singles competing in six other events will follow similar eliminations from July 7 to 10.

The French, it seems, have had quite a hand in determining policy for the Olympics. In the first place, the process of elimination that is followed revolves around the granting to every crew of a *repechage*. This, we found in the third French dictionary to which we hurriedly resorted, is "a second chance offered to those who have failed in a test of any kind."

So: all crews will compete Wednesday (probably in heats of three, three, and three); the six losing combinations will compete again Thursday; the six which have won at least once will be on the lake again Friday, and from that a three-boat final will be staged Saturday. If it's confusing in print, come on out to the races and watch the jigsaw puzzle completed before your eyes: with program and public address, Princeton does a better job of keeping spectators at a crew race informed than any other college in the country.

Other incidental facts: no Eastern crew has won the Olympic trials since Yale turned the trick 24 years ago . . . in all, some 300 contestants, managers, trainers and coaches will be the university's guests for the seven events . . . in addition to use of the system of *repechages*, instructions from the referee at the starting line are in French: *Attention, messieurs! . . . Etes vous pret? . . . Partez!* Odds are, however, that they'll still be using the Washington stroke.

**Miscellany.** This Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 at Borough Hall is the last chance offered to dog owners to have their pets inoculated against rabies . . . to reach the necessary quota of 85 percent, residents whose dogs have already been immunized should

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Sunday, June 27th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.  
 10:30 a.m.: "The Trial of Abraham," the Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service; Westminster Chapel.  
 11:00 a.m.: "Victorious Power," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.  
 "God and The Nations," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Second Church.  
 Sermon, the Rev. Dr. John V. Butler; Trinity Episcopal Church.  
 "With God," the Rev. John W. Johnson; Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church.  
 Sermon, the Rev. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.  
 "Christian Science," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.  
 8:00 p.m.: "The Romance of the Commonplace," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.  
 "A Sinner Saved," the Rev. Mr. Johnson; Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church.  
 8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, June 28th

9:00 a.m.: Opening of Daily Vacation Bible School; Methodist Church.  
 6:15 p.m.: Twin-M League Baseball: Princeton vs. Hightstown; Brokaw Diamond, University Campus.

Tuesday, June 29th

10:00 a.m.: Opening of Summer Playground Program; six play areas throughout community to be open for six weeks from 10:00 until 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Wednesday, June 30th

5:00 p.m.: Opening of eight-oared Olympic Rowing Try-Outs; Lake Carnegie.  
 8:00 p.m.: "Secrets Which Servants Know," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.  
 8:15 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Meeting; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, July 1st

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Borough Hall goes on summer schedule through Labor Day. Offices closed over weekends.

5:00 p.m.: Repechage Heats, Olympic Rowing Try-Outs; Lake Carnegie.

Friday, July 2d

5:00 p.m.: Semi-Final Heats, Olympic Try-Outs; Lake Carnegie.

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**News of the Theatres**

## The Playhouse

The Unconquered (Fri., Sat.) sends Gary Cooper and Paulette Goddard trekking into the frontier country in a robust epic long enough to provide a little of everything. Never slow but sometimes a bit synthetic.

The Paradine Case (Sun. thru Wed.) records what transpires when Gregory Peck, as a brilliant English criminal lawyer, falls in love with Valli (the Italian newcomer) whom he defends for poisoning her blind husband. The mystery frequently achieves tenseness but the plot is too intricate, the acting weak.

Up in Central Park (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) offers Deanna Durbin in a fair-to-middling musical which looks light-heartedly into 19th century Manhattan shenanigans. Relaxing but quite routine.

## The Garden

Hal Roach's Comedy Carnival (Fri., Sat.) is 1948 style vaudeville on the screen. None too appetizing.

Smart Woman (Mon., Tues., Wed.) casts Constance Bennett as a criminal lawyer and Brian Aherne as the district attorney who loves her while seeking to convict her shady clients. Average fare.

The Search (Thurs., Fri., Sat.), filmed in Germany, shows the tragic existence of European children of many nations as families struggle to reunite themselves. Impressively told.

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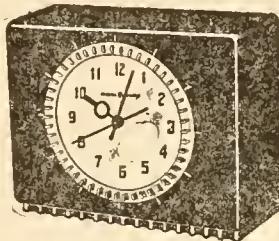
Rain Bonnets. We're sorry—last week we virtually swore we wouldn't mention the word again, but what else is there to talk about? Conventions may come and Olympics may go, but rain, it seems, goes on forever. The best we

can do about it is to help you to stand the weather as comfortably as you can, and these "Rain Bonnets" at Thorne's Drug Store should make it somewhat more bearable.

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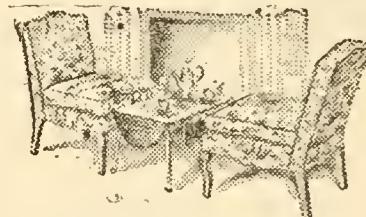
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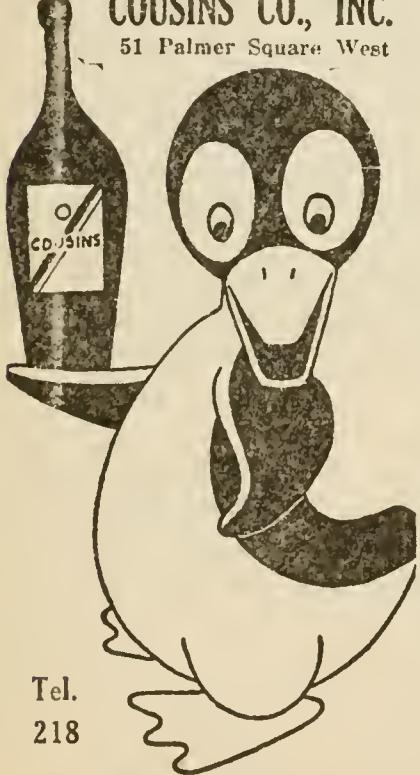
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